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In re Patent Application of: Kazuya Maekawa et al.

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MATERIAL SUBSTRATE AND SEVERING

APPARATUS USING THE METHOD

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Examiner: James M. Mitchell

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.